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Large in Size  Great in Productiveness

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Berry  
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INTRODUCED AND GROWN BY  
LESTER BLANCHARD ABINGTON  
MASS.

# The New Strawberry

## "ABINGTON"

In introducing the "Abington" Strawberry to the public, I will say it is a chance seedling that I found on my place in the spring of 1895.

The "Abington" is a strong grower and a good plant maker. It makes stronger growth than the Sharpless. The vines are darker in color than the Sharpless. The plant is larger than the Auto, Oom Paul, or Yant, on my ground side by side.

The height of the plant at blooming time is from ten to twelve inches. The fruit stalk is stocky and stands erect from the ground. The number of fruit stalks it sends up is from two to three. The number of buds on each fruit stalk is from ten to fourteen.

The blossom is perfect and large and full, with lots of pollen, so it is a good pollenizer for pestillated kinds.

The "Abington" blossomed May 12th, 1904, with the Bubach. The first berries picked the 11th of June, also picked Bubach and Senator Dunlap berries at the same time. There was also a heavy bloom on the plants at this time. Picked berries for market the 17th of June. The berries are very large in size, they run as large as the Bubach, also run large throughout the season. It is also a long season berry, the last picked for market the eighth of July. In productiveness it is way ahead of the Bubach, Sharpless or Glen Mary, in fact it is the most productive, perfect blossom berry that I ever fruited, as I have been raising berries for market nineteen years. The "Abington" is the best all-round market berry that I ever raised in my growing berries for market. The "Abington" is bright red in color, and firm and of good flavor, and shows up well in the crates. I have fruited the "Abington" nine years, and it has never failed to

be productive of large berries. The "Abington" is a berry that will hold its color better than the Bubach, it does not grow pale after staying over night in the crates. It shows up bright and good color the next morning. It also holds its color better than the Bubach in thick matted rows. The Bubach is apt to be poor color where the vines are thick. The "Abington" is more productive in matted rows, or under poor culture, than any berry of its class that I ever have fruited, for this berry is in the class with the big berries.

For two rows of the "Abington" set out in the spring of 1903, the rows were four feet six inches apart and the plants were set eighteen inches apart in the rows; kept them cultivated until the first of September, then let them run. They made a solid row the next season that was seven feet six inches wide. It would have been about ten feet wide if I had not hoed out the plants in the rows on each side in November to make paths for the next season. I was intending to dig up the plants between these two rows to make a path for the pickers, but the row looked so good the next season that I let them remain to see what it would do in the way of yield. The length of the two rows was one hundred and forty feet. The part of the row that was seven and one-half feet wide was ninety-five feet long, the other forty-five feet of the rows the plants were dug up to make paths for the pickers. From these two rows the berries were picked by one picker, and an account was kept of every box picked. The number of boxes picked was two hundred and seventy.

When a berry yields at the rate of 9,720 quarts to the acre in matted rows, it can be claimed that it is a good yielder. That is the yield of the "Abington" in these rows.

**I claim that the "Abington" is the best yielder and the largest matted row perfect blossom berry that has been introduced up to date.**

At the Rose and Strawberry Exhibition of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, June 21 and 22, 1904, I exhibited twenty-five berries of the "Abington" in Class 158. I was awarded second prize. These berries were picked on matted rows and were not the largest I could find, for I wanted to show the perfect type of the berry. These twenty-five berries made a heaping quart.

The "Abington" is a berry that will take the place of the Bubach, it is a better plant maker, the blossom is perfect and hardy, it sends up more fruit stalks, there are more buds on each fruit stalk, it ripens at the same time, the berry is better color, firmer, better flavor, runs larger throughout the season, and holds its color better after it is picked.

My soil varies from a heavy clay to a gravelly loam ; the "Abington" does well on both.

I have sold the "Abington" in Brockton for a number of years. It has always brought the top price. Read the following from a firm that has handled them (this firm handles more berries than any other firm in the city) :

Brockton, Mass., July 16, 1904.

Mr. Blanchard.

Dear Sir—Your strawberry, which you call the "Abington," is a winner, the size, color and eating quality of which beats any berry we ever sold. You can't raise too many berries of the "Abington" variety. If you will set double for next year, I will take all you raise.

Yours truly,

I. E. HILL.

The following prices are low for a berry of this class. All plants sent out will be first class. All orders filled in rotation.

12	Plants	\$2.00	post	paid				
25	"	3.00	"	"				
50	"	5.00	"	"				
100	"	10.00	"	"				
300	"	25.00	by	express,	not	paid		
500	"	35.00	"	"	"	"	"	"
1000	"	60.00	"	"	"	"	"	"

Cash with the order.

Money may be sent by postal money order, express money order, or registered letter.

